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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MAN ET AL.

Examiner

Brenda L. Coleman

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5,19,30,41 and 42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5,30,41 and 42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1, 5, 19, 30, 41 and 42 are pending in the application.

This action is in response to applicants' amendment dated April 19, 2006.

Claims 5, 19 and 30 have been amended, claims 21-27 and 32-39 have been canceled and claims 41 and 42 are newly added.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed April 19, 2006 have been fully considered with the following effect:

1. The applicant's amendments and arguments are sufficient to overcome the 35 USC § 112, first paragraph rejection labeled paragraph 1 maintained in the last office action, which is hereby **withdrawn**.
2. The applicant's amendments and arguments are sufficient to overcome the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph rejection labeled c), g) and n) maintained in the last office action, which are hereby **withdrawn**.

In view of the amendment dated April 19, 2006, the following new grounds of rejection apply:

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the amendment to the specification where the passage is to be inserted following the paragraph ending on page 14, line 6, however, there is no paragraph ending on page 14, line 6.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 5, 30, 41 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

a. The definition of R⁶ and R⁷, where R⁶ and R⁷ is alkoxy of 1 to 8 carbon atoms; C₂-C₁₀-alkylidenemethyl; C₆-C₁₈-bicycloalkoxy or C₆-C₁₈-tricycloalkoxy are not described in the specification with respect to the formula where R⁶ and R⁷ are not in the 3- and 4-positions respectively on the phenyl ring.

b. The eleventh species of claim 41 is not described in the specification, i.e. N-acetyl-(3-(3-cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(5-methyl-1,3-dioxoisindolin-2-yl)propanoylamino)acetate.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office action.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 41 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The following reasons apply:

- a) Claim 41 and claims dependent thereon are vague and indefinite in that it is not known what is meant by 4-methoxyphenyl in the nomenclature of the first species.
- b) Claim 41 recites the limitation "1,3-dioxobenzo[e]isoindolin-2-yl" in the nomenclature of the fourteenth species. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim with respect to claim 5.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda L. Coleman whose telephone number is 571-272-0665. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda Coleman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Brenda L. Coleman
Primary Examiner Art Unit 1624
June 28, 2006